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## A COTTON MILL.

If the city of Abbeville is to grow the people must make it grow. It will only grow with the establishment of other manufacturing enterprises. For the agricultural development of the county the present city is large enough. No more business houses are demanded now by this development. Manufacturing enterprises are the enterprises by which all other cities hereabout have been built. We can only become larger and more important by traveling the same road.

In manufacture as in any other business, the thoughts of the people must be turned to logical lines. It would not be profitable to manufacture silk in this section because we do not produce silk. We cannot establish iron foundries because we have not the iron. The only product which we have in abundance is cotton. The only raw material which we can manufacture here with profit is cotton. Then if we are to go forward in this day of forward movements we must look to an enterprise of this character as our means of progress.

A meeting of several business men of the city, believed to be interested in the welfare of the city, and their own, has been called for today. The meeting will be held at the hour suggested, and the scheme will be outlined. A cotton mill man of experience, and one who has made a success of the business, has been invited to meet our people. He is in the prime of life, with a storehouse of enthusiasm and energy. He is willing to build a mill in Abbeville if the people want it. He can build a mill at some other point if he desires. No favor will be conferred on him by his selection as our leader, and if a better man can be suggested by anyone, he will be glad to see him selected. However, if we are to build a mill we want a man of his calibre, and just now we know of no one who will more willingly come to our assistance.

Looking to the advancement of the city we earnestly hope that the people of the town, after demonstrating their ability to meet the tasks assigned them by the government in all the great calls which have come to us, and at a time when our people are thoroughly awakened along progressive lines, and ready for something better; at this time when things look brighter in Abbeville than they have ever looked before, when there is money in the banks and in people's pockets, when cotton is everywhere, and the people happy and contented—we earnestly hope, we say, that no man will come forward to throw a monkey wrench into the wheels of progress, but that every good citizen of Abbeville will take measure of his ability to help, and determine to help to the full extent of his ability. It will take one million dollars to build a paying cotton mill, and there is no good reason in this year of plenty why the people in the city of Abbeville and in the surrounding country should not take stock to the extent of one half the amount.

There are many reasons which we might mention impelling us to take up the work. Everybody knows what they are. It is sufficient to say that we have been too slothful in the past, and that other towns and cities have done five and ten and twenty years ago what we are now thinking of doing. We must continue to be

slothful unless we take to the water while the swimming is good.

We need the mill. We need the help of every man in Abbeville to get it. Keep the talk going. Talk about the matter to your neighbor and your associates, and then—all together for it.

## EXTRAVAGANCE AND CONCEIT.

The man who said conceit was at the bottom of every extravagance knew a good deal about human nature. Few men would pay \$4 for a tie that did not look as if it cost \$4 and factory girls who are buying \$300 fur coats on installments out of a salary of \$15 a week care little for such a coat if the only place they could wear it were in an asylum for the blind.

A modern philosopher says, "I conclude that dissatisfaction is a common human ailment and that I might as well be unhappy with what I have as unhappy with that I can't afford."

Thousands of Americans are dissipating their savings in extravagant purchases purely through conceit. And it is a blind conceit which deceives no one but the extravagant themselves. When a man goes into a store to buy a \$6 hat which he can afford and comes out with a \$16 hat which has forced him to break into his savings, he does not impress the clerk who sells it or his friends who see him wear it. But he has injured them all and himself also. He has aided to divert production from necessities to non-necessities, he has helped keep up prices, and has withdrawn potential capital from possible use in increasing industry. For himself, he has weakened his defenses against old age, sickness and loss of employment and depleted his offensives in the battle for success.

Failure to save is too high a price to pay for the pampering of conceit. The only safety against extravagance lies in thrift and saving. Liberty Bonds, War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates may not make a flashy show, but they are more impressive than any extravagant possession money can buy. They afford protection to savings, future and character and are sure roads to possession of the things really needed and desired.

## GENERAL NEWS.

## Coal Miners Strike Imminent.

Washington, Oct. 23.—A dramatic appeal by Secretary Wilson, himself a miner, prevented an open break tonight between miners and operators almost ready to go home after failing to settle the strike of half a million soft coal miners set for ten days hence.

It was near the end of a long and heated session at which the miners formally rejected one plan of settlement and refused to arbitrate wages that the secretary, taking hold of a slender thread, brought the two sides together and kept them here for another conference tomorrow.

## Crisis in British Government.

London, Oct. 23.—The country tonight is suddenly faced by the possibility of a change of government or dissolution of parliament, owing to the quite unexpected defeat of the government in the house of commons today by a majority of 72. Only about half the members were present, and the vote by which the government was defeated was 185 to 113.

## Boll Weevil is Found in Newberry County.

Newberry, Oct. 23.—A boll weevil was found yesterday on the farm of Welch Wilbur, two miles north of Newberry, and today John D. Nance brought in several specimens from his farm nine miles east of Newberry. Persons who have seen the weevils say these are genuine weevils. On both farms the insects were in the cotton.

## Deputy Sheriff is Shot.

Anderson, Oct. 23.—Lawrence Meredith, deputy sheriff, who is stationed at Riverside mills, was shot and seriously wounded by Will Chastain in the mill village last night. The shooting is said to have been caused by Meredith telling Chastain if he did not go to work, he and his family would have to vacate the mill house.

Meredith was shot five times, three

of the bullets entering his abdomen and the other two in the hip. He is now in the Anderson hospital. His condition is said to be slightly improved today, although it is still very serious. Chastain gave himself up to the authorities today. Both men have families. Meredith is about 25 years of age while Chastain is about 40.

## Proud of His Grandson.

Greenwood, Oct. 23.—President John O. Willson, of Lander College, is being congratulated on the achievement of his grandson, Capt. John O. Donaldson, in finishing second in the coast-to-coast air race. Capt. Donaldson is a son of Gen. and Mrs. T. Q. Donaldson, of Greenville, and is named for his grandfather, Dr. John O. Willson.

## Claims First Place.

Washington, Oct. 23.—A new claimant to first honors in the transcontinental airplane derby appeared today when the air service announced that Lieut. Alexander Pearson, Jr., of Portland, Ore., had established the lowest actual flying time between San Francisco and return yet reported. Pearson's time was forty-eight hours, thirty-seven minutes and sixteen seconds for the round trip, practically ten hours less than that of Capt. Lowell H. Smith and Capt. J. G. Donaldson, and better than Lieut. B. W. Maynard's record even after subtracting the eighteen hours Maynard spent in replacing his motor.

## Society Week in Abbeville.

Society week in Abbeville started off with great eclat yesterday, many novel and interesting affairs being given by the leaders. Among the particularly unique parties were as follows:

Mrs. C. H. McMurray entertained eight ladies at a Mystery Party. Each lady brought a photograph of herself taken when an infant, which when exhibited produced much laughter and delight. The mystery was, how so many fat dimpled babies could turn out so—well that is the mystery. During Mrs. McMurray's party her guests hemmed towels, a dozen or more which will be contributed to the hospital.

Mrs. Ringan Thomson had a most useful and enjoyable way of entertaining her guests: a dozen linen doilies were hemmed for the hospital.

Miss Helen Edwards entertained her guests at a "Five Cents" party. Each guest was given an opportunity of testing her ability to "touch, taste, see, hear, and smell."

Mrs. C. C. Gambrell's idea of a real Hospital Party was good. A list of diseases were given each guest who were expected to give a diagnosed treatment.

Miss Maggie Brooks' old fashioned dance was probably one of the most enjoyable and as the number of guests numbered several times eight Miss Maggie is entitled to attend a party a day during the week.

The parties planned for today are especially interesting and include a party for the Girls of the 60's by Mrs. E. C. Hemphill, a mother and baby party by Mrs. D. T. Smith Jr., and Townsend Smith, 3rd.

On Thursday, Mrs. Frank W. Willson will entertain at a Housekeeping Party.

Mrs. M. T. Coleman is planning a Palmistry Party for Thursday night and expects a number of young people from the surrounding country.

## WANTS

LOST:—A red sweater, between the Press and Banner office and Columbia Candy Kitchen. Finder please return to Edilson and Henry's and receive reward. L. M. PATTERSON. 10-28-1tPd.

FOR SALE:—P. J. Leach House and Lot on the corner of Cherokee and Lemon streets. Price \$3250. Apply J. S. Stark and T. G. White. 10-28-3t.

FOR SALE:—Ford Roadster, Hudson Six, Buick Six, Buick Four, Overland 79. MARTIN AND PENNAL, 10-14-tf. City Garage.

FOR RENT:—Two-horse farm, Old Wilson Place at Clatworthy's Cross Roads. Write J. C. WILSON, Greenwood, S. C., Route No. 2. 10-21-3t. Pd.

Give a Party—Go to a Party.



## MARIE MORRISEY

Will Appear in Person

Thursday evening, Marie Morrissey makes an appearance in Abbeville. It is the most important musical event of the season.

Thursday Evening  
October, 30th

The celebrated contralto will render those selections with which she has won her chief success as a concert artiste. Mr. Thomas A. Edison's Three Million Dollar Phonograph will assist.

## FREE TICKETS

Call, write or telephone us for free tickets of admittance. They will be issued in order of application.

## THE KERR FUR CO.

20-22-24 N. Main St.

Abbeville, S. C.



## For Sale

The Old Bass Place, 126 acres will be cut in three tracts, and sold at public outcry on Sales Day at the Court House to the highest bidder. Terms: one third cash, balance one, two and three years.

J. S. STARK